

**RULES
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DIVISION**

**CHAPTER 1200-12-2
PROCEDURES FOR ADMINISTERING CHEMICAL AGENT
ANTIDOTES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**

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1200-12-2-.01 INTRODUCTION.

- (1) During the response to emergency situations such as those precipitated by a terrorist event, emergency responders or persons may encounter patients or suffer self-exposure to toxic chemical agents requiring the immediate administration of antidotes or medications to preserve and sustain life and vital functions. Upon the exposure to a significant risk, this rule authorizes emergency treatment by use of autoinjection or intramuscular injection of such antidotes or medications as shall be approved by the Board or the State Medical Officer.

Authority: T.C.A. §4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204, 68-140-503, 68-140-504, 68-140-509, and 68-140-510.
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1200-12-2-.02 DEFINITIONS. Within the meaning of this rule:

- (1) “Emergency responder” – Emergency responder means emergency medical technicians, paramedics, fire fighters, emergency medical first response workers, law enforcement and other public safety officials or volunteers making an authorized response or rendering emergency care at the scene of an emergency.
- (2) “Exposure” – Exposure means the presence of an injurious agent in such circumstances that life threatening symptoms may reasonably be anticipated, and that such situations impose an immediate threat to life.

Authority: T.C.A. §4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204, 68-140-503, 68-140-504, 68-140-509, and 68-140-510.
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1200-12-2-.03 PROCEDURES.

- (1) EMS personnel or emergency responders may utilize or administer the antidotes or medications upon the availability of antidote kits or means to administer antidotes or other medications approved for intramuscular injection or autoinjection by the Board or the Commissioner of Health.

Authority: T.C.A. §4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204, 68-140-503, 68-140-504, 68-140-509, and 68-140-510.
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1200-12-2-.04 REPORTS.

- (1) Upon the administration of such antidotes or medication by autoinjection or intramuscular injection during an emergency situation, the time and use of such antidotes or medications shall be reported to the appropriate medical personnel assuming care for the patient.

Authority: T.C.A. §4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204, 68-140-503, 68-140-504, 68-140-509, and 68-140-510.
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1200-12-2-.05 NOTIFICATION

- (1) Upon a situation or event involving suspected chemical agents or other toxic substances responding personnel shall immediately notify an emergency dispatch center and inform appropriate public safety and health officials.

Authority: T.C.A. §4-5-202, 4-5-203, 4-5-204, 68-140-503, 68-140-504, 68-140-509, and 68-140-510.
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